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FOLLOWING IS REPEAT TEHRAN 3280 SENT ACTION SECSTATE INFO
NEW DELHI ISLAMABAD DATED 25 APR 74 FOR YOUR INFO:

QTE C O N F I D E N T I A L TEHRAN 3280

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR, IN, IR

SUBJECT: PRIME MINISTER GANDHI'S VISIT TO IRAN

REF: TEHRAN 2973

1. FROM MFA AND INDIAN EMBASSY SOURCES WE HAVE LEARNED A LITTLE
ABOUT BACKGROUND OF GANDHI VISIT HERE BUT STILL HAVE ONLY
SPECULATION ABOUT SUBJECTS TO BE DISCUSSED. HER VISIT, THE
HIGHEST IN RECENT YEARS BY AN INDIAN OFFICIAL, APPEARS TO BE
OUTGROWTH OF STEADILY IMPROVING RELATIONS DURING PAST YEAR AS
INDIA'S SUSPICIONS OF IRANIAN ARMS PURCHASES AND INTENTIONS HAVE BEEN

ASSUAGED THROUGH RECIPROCAL VISIT OF FOREIGN MINISTERS AND AGREE-
MENTS ON ECONOMIC COOPERATION.

2. THAT THIS IS TO BE MORE THAN A ROUTINE PROTOCOL VISIT
IS INDICATED BY FACT THAT MRS. GANDHI REJECTED PROPOSED SIGHTSEEING
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VISIT TO ISFAHAN IN ORDER TO HAVE MORE TIME FOR SUBSTANTIVE TALKS.

SHE WILL HAVE AT LEAST TWO SESSIONS WITH SHAH AND WILL BE GUEST AT ONE LUNCH AND ONE DINNER RATHER THAN ONLY ONE LUNCH AS IS CUSTOMARY FOR VISITING HEAD OF GOVERNMENT.

3. MFA DIRGEN FOR ASIA AND AFRICA SADRIEH TOLD POLCOUN HE EXPECTED AT LEAST FOLLOWING MATTERS WOULD BE DISCUSSED DURING VISIT: (A) SUB-CONTINENT RELATIONS; IRANIANS WOULD OFFER CONGRATULATIONS ON DELHI TRIPARTITE CONFERENCE AND URGE FURTHER PROGRESS TOWARD EQUALITY AMONG SOUTH ASIAN COUNTRIES. (B) ADDITIONAL AREAS FOR ECONOMIC COOPERATION. (C) SECURITY OF PERSIAN GULF; SADRIEH SAID IRAN WOULD SEEK INDIAN POLITICAL SUPPORT FOR ITS GULF POLICY. (D) INDIAN OCEAN. (E) ASIAN COMMON MARKET.

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